

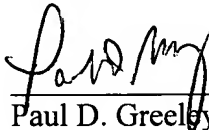
REMARKS

The present supplemental preliminary amendment is being submitted to better conform the figures and detailed description to one another. Specifically, present amendment includes new figures 15a and 15b as described in the specification. Support for this amendment can be found at least in original Figure 11, as well as in the specification at least at paragraphs 55 through 63. In addition, the present amendment also adds reference number "25" to the cord element disclosed in paragraph 63 of the detailed description and shown in figure 15a.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached two sheets of drawings include new FIGS. 15a and 15b.